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Field Crops

For the week ending December 5, the harvest of **Cotton** is complete on 78 percent of the acreage, behind last year's average of 82 percent, and behind the five year average of 88 percent. Wet conditions have slowed cotton harvest throughout Arizona.

Alfalfa harvest remained active on less than half of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 17 percent excellent.

Central Arizona growers continue to plant potatoes and onions.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, carrots, Chinese cabbage, greens, green onions, head lettuce, herbs, honeydews, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce, spinach and watermelons. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, greens, green onions, herbs, honeydews, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, mixed melons, parsley and spinach last week. Lettuce shipments included Boston, iceberg, leaf and romaine lettuces.

Producers in central and western Arizona continue to ship grapefruit, lemons and navel oranges last week.

	Crop Progress			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton Harvest	78	75	82	88

	Crop Condition				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	4	32	47	17

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were well below normal for the week ending December 4. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below normal at Payson to 10 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly, Flagstaff and Gila Bend. The highest temperature of the week was 70 degrees at Phoenix while the lowest reading was Flagstaff at 0 degrees. Precipitation

was reported at 13 of the 16 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.10 inches and Tucson received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.54 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
November 28 to December 4, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	36	-10	49	11	0.10	7.73	8.97
Coolidge	53	-9	69	25	0.49	8.12	8.55
Douglas	48	-7	63	17	0.35	9.53	12.82
Flagstaff	32	-10	41	0	0.44	18.98	21.32
Gila Bend	57	-10	67	28	0.11	5.68	6.22
Grand Canyon	33	-7	42	1	0.14	19.09	15.54
Kingman	45	-8	54	22	0.00	9.55	9.26
Parker	56	-8	65	32	0.00	6.85	4.64
Payson	41	-5	58	15	0.17	21.71	20.52
Phoenix	68	-7	70	36	0.28	6.68	7.48
Prescott Airport	40	-7	53	16	0.13	9.11	13.33
Safford Ag Center	47	-7	61	21	0.22	11.32	8.98
Tucson	54	-7	68	27	0.54	7.38	11.17
Willcox	46	-7	61	17	0.42	11.25	12.18
Winslow	37	-9	48	10	0.46	7.84	7.53
Yuma	59	-6	65	38	0.00	2.47	2.83

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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